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Mr. William A. Eddy
Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eddy:

Reference is made to your letter of 13 May 1947 regarding the release of Mr. Jerome Niehr Huddle from this Agency to permit his return to the Office of Foreign Service.

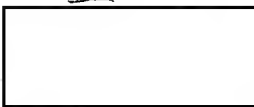
We are fully aware of the need for experienced officers in the expanded activities of the Foreign Service and do not feel justified, under the circumstances, to ask for the retention of Mr. Huddle in his present assignment. However, we do desire to express our appreciation to the Department of State and to Mr. Huddle for the excellent assistance provided in establishing a new office.

As the first Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates, Mr. Huddle has carried the load incident to the initial organization of our most important office. In spite of personnel and space handicaps, the Office of Reports and Estimates has been developed in an orderly and efficient manner under his guidance.

On the occasion of his recall to the activities of the Office of Foreign Service, this Agency wishes Mr. Huddle continued success in the field to which he has devoted so many years of service to his government.

Sincerely yours,

ROSCOE E. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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